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To: The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP Secretary of State for Transport

Dear Madam

I am writing to you to support the principal finding of the UNESCO Advisory mission, that the current National Highways scheme will have an adverse impact on Stonehenge and the surrounding area, and that proper consideration should be given to a southern bypass. This issue concerns me deeply, as someone who lives in the South-West, and has regularly travelled through the Stonehenge area.

I believe that National Highways has simply repeated many of the points it has previously used to justify its scheme, which has proved unacceptable to:

- The Government's independent specialist examiners
- UNESCO's World Heritage Committee and
- The former Transport Secretary himself, who agreed that the scheme would be 'significantly adverse' overall.

The DCO was quashed by the High Court judgement in part because the Transport Secretary had not thoroughly considered alternatives.

The response by National Highways does not alleviate any of the concerns above, and I therefore still object to the proposals and trust that the scheme will be abandoned.

However, should you intend to proceed with the scheme, I trust that it will be subject to another formal public Examination so that all of the new information submitted by National Highways and others since 2020 may be fully and openly discussed, and taken into account and advised upon by the Government's Independent Planning Inspectorate.

The whole Stonehenge area is of such immense historical significance not just in the United Kingdom, but globally, that I believe that it is vital that the utmost effort is made to preserve it.

Yours sincerely

Claire Crocker